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2008 Ladies Leinster Final

Killoe ladies win Leinster club title

Killoe 2 – 8

Railyard (Kilkenny) 1 – 8

Longford champions Killoe brought great honour to their club and county when they won the Ladies Leinster Club Intermediate title in what was a tough and competitive provincial final played at Geraldine Park, Athy on Sunday last.

In emulating the excellent achievement of Clonguish who won this same title in 2005, the Killoe girls showed a lot of character in coming from six points down at one stage to eventually emerge victorious.

The story of the Leinster Club Intermediate final unfolded at the Kildare venue on Sunday last, and like most tales it had a start, a middle and an end, but unfortunately for the Kilkenny girls it was not to have a fairy tale ending.

Railyard went in at the break with a four point advantage (1-6 to 1-2), and within two minutes of the restart Miriam O’Keeffe tapped over a point to extend the advantage.

However, five minutes into the second half a mix up in the Railyard defence gave Killoe the break they had been searching for, when a Railyard defender deflected a shot from Killoe forward Orlaith Doherty into the back of the net, to leave just two points between the sides (1-7 to 2-2).

Minutes later the Kilkenny club side lost the services of their top scorer and important play maker Marie Dargan who was sin-binned for ten minutes along with key Killoe player Sharon Treacy. Ten minutes from the end Railyard were dealt another blow as Catriona Corr was sent to the sin-bin for a misdemeanour and left their midfield area without one of their most experienced players.

Killoe took full advantage on both occasions converting two points at the end of the third quarter to draw the sides level for the first time in the game. In fact, Killoe scored a total of five points, before Dargan came back on to convert Railyard’s final score of the game and to bring her personal tally to one goal and five points.

Killoe came into this game as the favourites but it was the Railyard girls who made the better start when Catriona Corr split the posts in the fifth minute, and then Marie Dargan raised the white flag in the sixth and seventh minute to give her side a three point lead.

Dargan added a goal to her tally, when referee Des McEnery awarded Railyard a penalty, and Dargan despatched the ball to the right of Louise Clarke in the Killoe goals.

Despite playing with a slight wind advantage Killoe struggled to find the target in the first quarter as a number of clear cut chances were driven wide by their forwards. Railyard keeper Noelle Curran was also called into action in the same period, pulling off a number of good saves to keep her side in control.

Killoe eventually opened their account in the 16th minute with points in quick succession from Sharon Treacy and Sabrina Hackett along with a vital goal from Treacy to pull the Railyard lead back to a single point (1-3 to 1-2).

While Railyard got back on top to register a further three points to lead by 1-6 to 1-2 at the break they were well aware that a four point lead counted for nothing against an experienced side like Killoe. The Longford champions side did not disappoint as they clocked up 1-6 in the second half, courtesy of the Orlaith Doherty goal while the points came from Lizzie Brady (2), Sabrina Hackett (2), Edel Quinn and Anne Marie Bratten.

Despite Railyard's best efforts, all they could manage was just two more points, one apiece from Miriam O'Keeffe and Marie Dargan, and there was great joy for Killoe in the aftermath of this tremendous success as they now look forward to a trip to London in early November for the All-Ireland quarter-final against the exiles club champions.

KILLOE: Louise Clarke; Margaret Brady, Antoinette Brady, Fiona Toher; Niamh Devaney, Catherine Lynch, Helen Carrigy; Lizzie Brady (0-2), Jacinta Brady; Sharon Treacy (1-1), Edel Quinn (0-1), Sabrina Hackett (0-3); Anna McDonnell, Orlaith Doherty (1-0), Alison Kenny.

Sub:- Anne Marie Bratten (0-1).